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BREVITIES.

Here can hardly be said to meditate

an attack upon their owners; yet they

frequently "lay for 'em."

For Farmers.—The only common-

place thing you need not be afraid of

"running into the ground," is the plow-

share.

A lady who had repeatedly called her

little boy to come in and say his pray-

ers, was not back by asking "if God

was in such a hurry."

The mother of a large family was one

day asked the number of her children.

"Lam me," she replied, rocking to and

fro, "I've fourteen, mostly boys and

girls."

"What! tipsy again?" said a wife to

her husband, "No, my dear, I don't

feel tipsy, but a little slippery. The

fact is, somebody has been rubbing my

boots till they are as smooth as glass."

Playing at doctors.—"Ma, dear, Ada

won't take her physic. I've mixed her

a vintner and meat, and she

says I must take some fish. Doctors

never do—do they, ma?"

"My dear, what makes you always yawn?"

The wife exclaimed, her temper gone;

"Is home so dull and dreary?"

"What, my love," he said, "not so;

but man and wife are one, you know;

And when alone I'm weary."

"Did you present your account to the

defendant?" inquired a lawyer of his

client. "I did, sir," And what did he

say?" "He told me to go to the devil!"

"And what did you do then?" Why,

then—I came to you."

Evangelists.—"Gampa, dear, does tall

Jack not tell that poor boatman?"

Grandpa (delighted).—"And why not,

my darling?"

Evangeline.—"Because—because I

want to kill it myself."

A Chicago boy, being asked if he had

a mother, said he didn't know, as he

hadn't been home since morning, and

when he left, his father and mother

were quarreling, with each man say-

ing the other was the bestest in his

hand.

A Japanese pillow is a curiosity in its

way. It is nothing but a roller of a

cradle, broad enough to hold a head,

with a semi-circular depression on the

upper side. The Japanese lie at full

length upon the floor; place not their

head, but their neck, in the crescent-

shaped pillow on the upper side, and

rock themselves to sleep in a few minutes.

Only a stray sunbeam! Yet, per-

chance, it has been observed that

shade, gladdened some stricken heart,

or its golden light has found its way

through the leafy branches of some

willow, kissed the moss-covered bank

where the tiny white flowers (the

shades of beauty to adorn its lovely

form. Only a gentle breeze! But how

many aching brows have it fanned,

how many hearts have been cheered

by its gentle touch. One day a friend

of mine, who had been in the hospital

for some time, was lying in bed, and

he told me of a ray of hope, and

cast a gleam of light around the

patient; made the bed-ridden one forget

his present agony for a moment in

the warmth of the sunshine. Only a

word of encouragement—a single word!

It gives to the drooping spirit new life,

and the steps press on to victory.

A correspondent writes to a New

Zealand paper: "I believe I have as pure

and holy a regard for women as any man

—a regard that would make me

to see the social and political distinc-

tions between her and man wiped out.

No, do I want to see her in the discus-

sion room—her sensibilities gone—

her sleeves rolled up, and knife in

hand, with all the nonchalance of a

butcher who has just killed a pig?

No, no! I want to see her in the

company of the noblest of men, with

her hand on the shoulder of a

statesman, or a philosopher, or a

poet, or a saint, or a hero, or a

king, or a queen, or a pope, or a

patriarch, or a prophet, or a

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By Telegraph.

For Western Union Telegraph Line.

Chauncey has re-organized his

Army and resumed oper-

ations!

ON TRACK OF THE NA-

THER MURDERER!

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

Ramsay, from the committee on post-

office, reported, with sundry amend-

ments, the House bill revising

consolidating and amending the

act relating to the post office de-

partment.

HOUSE.

Relating to the courts of Utah.

Bills were introduced and referred:

By Peters, regulating the removal of

actions from State to U. S. courts; also

regulating the compensation of clerks

in the U. S. courts.

By Cannon, to enable the Atlan-

tic and Pacific R. R. Company to mor-

gage its road; and to confer certain

jurisdiction on the U. S. Courts for the

district of Missouri.

By Cannon, amendatory of the act

relating to the courts of Utah Territory;

also disapproving of certain acts of the

legislative assembly of Montana.

By Cook, prescribing the oath of

office to be taken by persons who par-

ticipated in the late rebellion, but who

are not excluded from holding office by

the 14th constitutional amendment;

also creating a railroad bureau for the

United States.

By Sargent, making an appropriation

of \$10,000 to J. S. Wilson, com-

missioner of the land office, for collect-

ing a scientific museum at the land

office.

CALIFORNIA.

News from Japan—Land Scheme.

The Central Pacific railroad company

has placed a mortgage record, covering

all its lands in Nevada county,

California, for \$10,000,000. It is sup-

posed the object is to defeat the opera-

tions of the Lawrence bill, now before

Congress.

SAN FRANCISCO, 17.—Arrived, the

steamship American, from Hong Kong,

via Yokohama, with forty passengers

for San Francisco; four for New York;

overland; one for England; fourteen

young Japanese noblemen, each with

a servant, for New York; overland, to

college; and 100 Chinese. She has a

full cargo of tea and miscellaneous

goods.

Business in Japan is utterly stagnant.

Strong dissatisfaction against Satsuma

exists. He has massed a large

number of troops, and it is feared fol-

lowing civil war cannot much longer

be deferred.

The roads in the vicinity of Yoko-

hama are again becoming unsafe, for-

eigners being frequently attacked.

The government orders a vigorous

prosecution of the railroad from Kobe

to Osaka.

On December 30th, half a square

mile of houses were burned in Yeddo.

On the 29th of November, the powder

magazine at Yeddo exploded. The

shock at first was supposed to be that

of an earthquake. Several lives were

lost.

Among the American passengers are

his Excellency, Mr. Fugate Hufus W.

assistant minister of finance of the

empire of Japan, accredited as commis-

sioner to the government of the United

States, with a suit of secretaries, phy-

sicians, aids, etc., in all 23 persons, bound

for Washington. They will remain

here two weeks.

WASHINGTON.

Two Congressional contests.

WASHINGTON, 17.—The admission of

four out of the seven representatives

from Georgia to-day, brings the political

affairs of that State to the front again.

Various Senators elect are waiting

the slow movements of the State judi-

ciary committee.

There appears to be a probability of

two contests before the State house, as

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either of the two districts yet. Dr. Tift is

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